



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of)
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LARRY G. WATERFIELD) Art Unit: 2834
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Application No. 09/818,308) Examiner: Budd, Mark Osborne
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Filed: March 27, 2001) Paper No.: 9
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For: COATED ELECTROACTIVE)
BENDER ACTUATOR)
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Attorney Docket No. 99-600)

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Peoria, Illinois 61629-6490

November 25, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination attached herewith,
please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. An electroactive bender actuator having upper and lower surfaces, comprising:
a pair of spaced electrodes having outer edges that are offset from one another;
an electroactive layer having an outer edge and disposed at least in part between and coupled with said electrodes; and